

Those who were tragically killed in the attack were holding up their end of the democratic bargain—active citizens eager to connect with their representative. Also, there were other public servants, a federal judge who had sat on the bench for nearly 20 years, and a member of Gabby's staff, whose dedication reminds me so much of the young people who work for me. My heart goes out to those who loved Christina Taylor Green, Dorothy Morris, John Roll, Phyllis Schneck, Dorwan Stoddard and Gabriel Zimmerman. Even as we mourn their deaths, may we celebrate their rich and glorious lives. Let's also send our get-well wishes to all of the wounded and our undying gratitude to the first responders, including the courageous intern who may have saved GABBY's life.

There is every expectation that GABBY will make a full recovery. And hopefully she will return to the House of Representatives to continue a promising career in public service. I can think of no greater gift we can give her—no better way to honor her—than to put this House in better order.

I hope we can dedicate this session to her, conducting our debate on health care and other issues with passion and conviction, but also with maturity and respect. As we take up our important business, let's do it in a manner worthy of GABRIELLE GIFFORDS. As a tribute to her, to those who died, and to everyone whose lives are forever changed by this senseless shooting, let's do our work in a way that showcases the very best of our democracy, just as it was on display in that shopping center the morning of January 8.

#### CELEBRATING LOUDOUN CARES CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY AND THE NONPROFIT SECTOR

#### HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 18, 2011*

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the important work of Loudoun Cares, an innovative organization in Virginia's 10th District that promotes the sharing of community services under one roof to save on the overall costs to other nonprofits in the surrounding community. Loudoun Cares is a leader in the local effort to develop a multi-tenant nonprofit center which provides affordable and stable office space and shared services for Loudoun County charities serving families in need.

On October 1, 2010, Loudoun Cares celebrated the completion of renovations to its facility. This innovative collaboration promotes efficiencies and enhances service delivery to citizens in need. It also serves as a model for other communities seeking to develop nonprofit infrastructure that will improve, streamline and consolidate human service deployment.

The ongoing success of the 6-year-old Loudoun Cares is a direct result of a collaboration that includes nonprofits, faith communities, business partners and government.

I would like to recognize and thank Loudoun Cares and its board of directors, staff, volunteers and contributors for their work on behalf of the Loudoun community, especially Andy

Johnston, the executive director, and Jennifer Montgomery, director of operations.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILL TO REPEAL PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

#### HON. PAUL C. BROWN

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 18, 2011*

Mr. BROWN of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today, I am honored to introduce a bill that repeals the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, and the accompanying Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, and replaces it with four specific health care reform policies which will improve the challenges facing our country's health care financing.

Americans desire true health care reform that lowers premium costs, meets their medical needs regardless of what job they currently have or which state they live in, strengthens the doctor-patient relationship, and provides an affordable approach for medical insurance coverage for those uninsured or with pre-existing medical conditions. Many Members in Congress have expressed support for the ideas listed above and for the following specific solutions to these issues:

(1) Individuals should be afforded the same tax advantages that businesses have by being able to deduct their 100 percent of all of their health care expenses from their taxes, including insurance.

(2) Strengthen and expand new avenues for affordable health care for sick Americans through high-risk pools.

(3) Expand choice and competition by allowing consumers to shop for health insurance across state lines.

(4) Create association health plans, which would allow small businesses and other entities to form pools that will increase availability and allow their sheer size to negotiate lower costs for their employees or members.

While it's understood that these concepts do not make up a complete solution to our nation's health care financing problems, they would be a strong foundation to start to address the inequities inherent in the health care financing system, while still allowing for future additional reforms.

#### COMMEMORATING MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

#### HON. ALBIO SIRE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 18, 2011*

Mr. SIRE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Martin Luther King Federal holiday. This milestone gives us the opportunity to reflect on Dr. King's profound legacy and revel in the incredible example he has given all public servants.

As a vital figure of the modern era and instrumental leader during the Civil Rights Movement, he paved the way for equality and justice for all. His lectures, dialogues, and leadership inspired, and continue to inspire,

generations of individuals to question the status quo and demand change.

Throughout his life, he also emphasized the importance of public service, which he continuously participated in through his work as a minister, community organizer, and civil rights activist.

It is for this reason that MLK Day is the only Federal holiday observed as a national day of service. The MLK Day of Service empowers citizens to volunteer in their communities, discuss social problems, and create viable solutions.

I see no better way to commemorate this incredible individual than by continuing on with his legacy of service and encouraging others to find ways to serve their communities.

#### OPPOSITION TO H. RES. 5

#### HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 18, 2011*

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to H. Res. 5, the new Republican Majority's rules for the U.S. House of Representatives.

H. Res. 5 contains a provision that reverses a long-standing policy, known as Clause 3, which requires the Appropriations Committee to fully fund transportation requests at levels authorized in the highway bill. The purpose of this rule was to ensure that the level of spending from the Highway Trust Fund was not greater than revenues that come in, which are paid by the users and taxpayers. This mechanism works; it ensures that obligation levels are known and fully used on an annual basis for transportation improvements.

Instead, the new rules package eliminates this guarantee of minimum annual spending from the Highway Trust Fund and puts road, transit and airport projects—and jobs—at risk. Removing the funding certainty that States rely on to secure contracts, make long-term infrastructure plans and hire employees will have a negative effect on the economy. Further, the proposed modification to current House rules could lead to reduced transportation obligation levels, less efficiency, a backlog of transportation projects, and unexpected cuts for states already facing severe budget deficits.

In Illinois, lower national obligation levels will translate into a reduced highway improvement program. With reduced Federal funds, the Illinois Department of Transportation, IDOT, will not be able to deliver its planned program, and many important projects that need additional Federal funds may be deferred.

As a senior member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, I am opposed to this process of using the rules package to strip budgetary planning certainties from States. Repealing Clause 3 will not cut transportation spending; rather it will merely allow the gas tax and other revenues being put into the trust fund to accrue without being spent, leaving critical infrastructure safety improvement projects languishing.

In the 112th Congress I expect to debate a new transportation reauthorization bill to replace the current law, which expired in September 2009. The Highway Trust Fund and obligation limitations are issues that will be